

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 8, 2007**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The Murray City Council met in regular session on Thursday, August 8, 2007, at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, with Mayor Rushing presiding.

**Council Members Present:** Danny Hudspeth, Dan Miller, Jason Pittman, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Sargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

**Council Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Ken Claud, Michael Skinner, J. L. Barnett, David Roberts, Candace Dowdy, Thomas Clendenen, Dennis Thompson, Sarah Wade, Don Rogers, Carol Roberts, Matt Mattingly, Gail Mullins, Harla McClure, and Warren Hopkins.

Mayor Rushing recognized Chief Michael Skinner of the City of Murray Fire Department. Chief Skinner stated that there is a burn ban in place for the City of Murray as well as Calloway County. The ban will stay in effect until there is sufficient rainfall.

Minutes of the council meeting held July 26 2007, were presented for approval. **Mr. Billington moved, seconded by Mr. Lancaster,** to approve the minutes as written. With no discussion, Mayor Rushing called for a voice vote, which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mayor Rushing recognized Bill Wells, Chairman of the Finance/Personnel Committee and requested that he provide a report. Mr. Wells stated that the Committee reviewed information regarding the tax rate for 2007. The ordinance will be drafted for the next council meeting.

Carol Roberts, Finance Director, provided information on a budget amendment. The amendment is requested due to a promotion in the Sanitation Department to an unfunded position. **Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee** to authorize the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending the budget for the FY 2007-2008. **Mr. Billington seconded the motion.** Ms. Roberts stated the amendment is for \$3000 and will cover the wage, benefit, and overtime cost increase for the position. With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the voice vote which was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Mr. Wells stated the next item discussed was a fund request for the Murray Tourism Commission. Mr. Wells requested that Matt Mattingly, Director of Administration, provide additional information. Mr. Mattingly is requesting that a budget amendment in the amount of \$30,000 be approved. He stated that the Tourism Commission had requested funds from the escrow account (1% tax) to allow them to move into the Miller Annex; however, after the city attorney reviewed the statute, this is not an allowable expense. Granting this amendment would

allow the Tourism the funds to get the facility, which they are leasing from the City, operating. **Mr. Wells moved, as unanimously recommended by the Finance/Personnel Committee**, to authorize the city attorney to draft an ordinance amending the budget for the FY 07-08. **Mr. Billington seconded the motion.** With no further discussion, Mayor Rushing called for the roll call vote which is recorded as follows:

**AYES:** Danny Hudspeth, Pete Lancaster, Jeremy Bell, Dan Miller, Linda Cherry, Robert Billington, Jason Pittman, David Ramey, Jane Brandon, Butch Seargent, Pat Scott, and Bill Wells.

**NAYES:** None.

Mayor Rushing declared the recommendation approved.

Mr. Wells stated the next Make a Difference Day is scheduled for November 10, 2007.

With no further business to come before the council, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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H. Thomas Rushing, Mayor

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Harla McClure, City Clerk